BSF and Delhi Police did not carry out any recruitment in Himachal Pradesh during 1991.

(c) BSF, CISF, CRPF, Delhi Police and ITBP have no plans at present to carry out recruitment from Himachal Pradesh in 1992. Assam Rifles have tentatively selected YoI in Himachal Pradesh for recruitment in 1992.

Disparity in Gas Price Fixation

1421. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the wholesale and retail price of different types of industrial gas fixed and prevailing in Assam and Gujarat separately as on January 31, 1992;

(b) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted any memorandum to end disparity on the price fixation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). Prices charges by ONGC/OIL for natural gas supplied by them were as follow:-

1.	Assam	– Rs. 1000/1000 cu. mts. with afurther discount of Rs. 400/1000 cu. mts. on a case to case basis.
2.	Gujarat	– Rs. 1550/1000 cu. mts. (at landfall point) Rs. 2400/1000 cu. mts (ex-HBJ pipeline)

All aspects of the matter were duly considered while fixing the prices.

Increase in Commission of Kerosene Dealers

1422. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations from Kerosene dealers for increasing commission and fixing of commission on percentage basis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under examination along with the recommendations of the Oil Price Review Committee.

Stocking of Agricultural Commodities by Farmers

1423. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be please to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item regarding "Traders 'use' farmers to stock goods" appearing in the Tribune dated January 7, 1992;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to tackle the situation arising out of the proxy holding of agricultural commodities by farmers on behalf of traders for obvious consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to

(c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*Translation*]

World Bank Assistance for Development of Fisheries

1424. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank is assisting the State Governments in development of fisheries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the assistance provided to these States during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). World Bank, in its meeting of the Board of Directors held on 14.1.92, has approved for assistance, a shrimp and Fish Culture Project in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal for implementation from 1992-93 on-wards for a period of 7 years. The project comprises:

(i) a brackishwater shrimp culture component covering about 3,800 ha. area in Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal;

(ii) an inland fish culture component covering about 46,000 ha. of reservoirs and 5,000 ha. of oxbow lakes in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal; and

(iii) project management including environmental management and training. The total estimated cost of the project is about US-$ 95 million (equivalent to Rs. 283.64 crores) of which the World Bank assistance will be to the tune a about US-$ 85 million.

(c) The project becomes credit effective from 1st May, 1992 only and hence no assistance was provided to the State Governments during 1991-92.

Rockets of Tipu-Sultan

1425. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request for obtaining back the rockets of Tipu-Sultan being kept in the Woolwikh Museum, Britain; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Government is aware of some newspaper reports about these rockets being kept in a Museum in Britain and suggestions regarding getting the rockets back to India. Government has however not received any such request.

(b) Does not arise.

Price of Mustard

1426. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA): Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether price of mustard had decreased in the recent past;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reason for rapid increase in the